

establish the invention of the subject matter of the rejected claims prior to the effective date of Wong. Thus, Wong cannot be properly cited against the pending claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-14, 16 and 19-21.

II. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner rejects Claims 15, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Wong in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,215,495 to Grantham, et al. ("Grantham"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Examiner cites Wong and Grantham in an attempt to render Claims 15, 17 and 18 obvious. However, as discussed above, Wong cannot be properly cited against the pending claims. Therefore, Grantham must stand alone in order to maintain this rejection.

In order to render a claim obvious, the relied upon reference must teach or suggest every limitation of the claim such that the invention as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to one skilled in the art. Independent Claim 10 recites an image device comprising an image sensor for generating sensor data and memory for storing an image object having first image data being related to sensor data and a first image method for being executed by an abstract machine to obtain translated first image data based upon the first image data. Claims 15, 17, and 18 all depend from independent Claim 10 and, therefore, contain all of the limitations of Claim 10. Applicant submits that not all of the limitations of Claim 10 are taught or suggested by Grantham alone.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 15, 17 and 18.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending (1) are in proper form, (2) are neither obvious nor anticipated by the relied upon art of record, and (3) are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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